

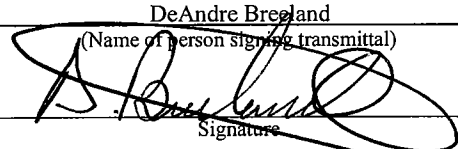
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Kondo, Tetsujiro, et al.
Serial No. : 10/617,347
For : INFORMATION ENCODING APPARATUS AND
METHOD, INFORMATION DECODING APPARATUS
AND METHOD, RECORDING MEDIUM UTILIZING
SPECTRAL SWITCHING FOR EMBEDDING
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN AN AUDIO SIGNAL (AS
AMENDED)
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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.121

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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 13, 2007, having a
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on May 13, 2007, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins
on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.